

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 9, lines 9-11 - please delete the following paragraph as indicated on the attached marked-up copy of the specification.

- - Add new indep and small set of deps.

Reduce for current frame and return to prior transmission rate for subsequent frames --

No new matter is introduced.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct typographical error(s). No new matter is introduced. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115 before the first examination and is respectfully requested to be entered prior to substantive examination of the claims.

The correction of the typographical error(s) does not introduce new matter into the specification. Applicants have merely deleted the paragraph "Add new indep and small set of deps. Reduce for current frame and return to prior transmission rate for subsequent frames". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment to the specification, as indicated on the attached marked-up copy of the specification submitted herewith for the Examiner's approval.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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